GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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FLIGHTS TO BIHAR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the cities of Bihar where regular service of the Indian Airlines and private airlines is available at present;

(b) whether there is a proposal to commence air service in some more cities in the near future;

(c) if so, the cities where airports are being developed for this purpose;

(d) the estimated cost thereof; and

(e) by when the construction/development work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) and (b): At present, in the state of Bihar, regular air services of Indian Airlines, Alliance Air and Air Sahara are available at Patna. Indian Airlines and Air Lanka flights are available to/from Gaya. While there is no proposal to commence services to more cities at present, Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different region of the country. It is however,up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. Therefore operators are free to operate on any routes subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidlines issued by Government.
(c),(d) and (e): Airport Authority of India has no plans at present to develop new airport in Bihar.